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MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OF REGULAR BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Mining Ridge Church

Wilkes County

October 5, 6 and 7, 1956

A. C. SIDDEN, Moderator ..... Traphill, N. C.

CHARLIE MILES, Sec.-Treas. ..... Traphill, N. C.

The next session will convene with Round Hill Church, near Traphill, N. C., to commence on Friday at 11:00 A. M., before the first Sunday in October, 1957. Elder Charlie Miles to preach the introductory sermon. Elder Ivan Dameron Alternate.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Barker, M. F. ..... Rt. 1, Roaring River, N. C.

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Billings, J. I. ..... Hays, N. C.

Burcham, C. C. ..... Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Dameron, Ivan, 199 Sparta Road, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Dillard, M. C. ..... Rt. 1, Hays, N. C.

Harrold, R. F. ..... Hays, N. C.

Harrold, Ranzy ..... Hays, N. C.

Hanks, McKinley ..... Hays, N. C.

Holbrook, Dewey ..... Winston-Salem, N. C.

Miles, Charlie ..... Traphill, N. C.

Sidden, A. C. ..... Rt. 1, Traphill, N. C.

Taylor, George ..... Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Wagoner, J. J. ..... McGrady, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Byrd, Elton ..... Dobson, N. C.

Hicks, W. E., Jr. ..... Traphill, N. C.

Holbrook, L. B. ..... Rt. 1, Traphill, N. C.

Spicer, J. M. ..... Thurmond, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS
of the
EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
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PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
of
REGULAR BAPTIST

Convened with Mining Ridge Baptist Church October 5, 6 and 7, 1956. Service introduced by Elder C. C. Burcham, by reading Matthew 25:1-13. Prayer by Elder Charlie Miles.

Introductory Sermon by Elder M. C. Dillard, Text: 1st John 4:8 "He that loveth not knowest not God, for God is love."

Intermission 30 minutes.

Delegates re-assembled in the house after a number of songs, the Moderator called on Elder Don Richardson to open the Association, who read Acts 4:5-12 and offered prayer.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Called for Associational Letters 16 were handed in and read by the clerk.

Brother J. M. Spicer objected to the letter of Oak Level Church, saying they were not in fellowship. After discussion a motion was made to appoint the oldest ordained minister with the two oldest ordained deacons as a committee to hear the matter and report. Elder M. C. Dillard was appointed with Brothers M. A. Blackburn and T. A. Miles.

Invited newly constituted churches or any regular Baptist church of same faith and order. None came.

On motion elect Moderator and clerk by private ballot by tellers.

Moderator appointed Elders Don Richardson, G. M. Tedder and Reece Bedsaul, who reported Elder A. C. Sidden Moderator and Elder Charlie Miles, Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion invite Correspondents of our faith and order to seats with us. A letter from the Union Baptist Association of Alleghany County was handed in read by the clerk and the following seated: Elders Don Richardson, G. M. Tedder, Reece Bedsaul Brethren Carl Andrews, Ray Andrews, R. T. Landreth, W. S. McKnight, Lester Moxley.

On motion invite Transients and visitors of same faith and order when the following came forward and were seated: Elder M. F. Barker, Brethren Jim Gillispie, F. M. Joines, Elmer Fender, Wheeler Nance, H. M. Joines.

On motion empower the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

The following were appointed:

Ministry: F. A. Royal, Sherman Roupe, B. F. Norman.

Finance: J. H. Holbrook, T. A. Miles, E. M. Wiles.

Arrangements: B. C. Speaks, A. M. Holbrook, Curtis Johnson, Claude Billings, Alton Carter.

On motion Moderator, Clerk and Correspondents be invited to sit with this committee.

Obituaries: Lonnie Perry, Watson Durham, Glenn Wood.

Temperance: G. M. Royal, J. H. Stamper, Grant Dillard.

Resolutions: Ted Church, Carl Wood, J. N. Royal.

Time, Place and Preacher: R. M. Wyatt, Ray Blevins, Quentin Hawkins.

To write corresponding letter: W. E. Hicks, Jr.

Committee on Ministry report: For tonight 7:00 to open Ray Andrews. 1st Sermon W. E. Hicks, 2nd, Elder M. F. Barker.

On motion adjourn to 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Closed by Elder G. M. Tedder, reading St. John 3:1-13.

Song: Amazing Grace. Prayer by Elder Tedder.

FRIDAY NIGHT, 7:00 P. M.

Spent 20 minutes in singing old time hymns.

Service introduced by Bro. Ray Andrews, reading St. John 10:1-18 and offering prayer.

First sermon Bro. W. E. Hicks. Text Revelations 19:7, "Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to Him."

Second Sermon Elder M. F. Barker, Text: St. Matthew 28:18 "All power is given me, in Heaven and earth."

SATURDAY, 10:00 A. M.

Song service 15 minutes.

Service introduced by Elder H. F. Royal, reading St. John 10:1-18. Prayer by Elder Royal.

Called for report of the Committe on Arrangements, Report read and on motion received and agreed to take up items as they appear on the report.

1. Called roll.
2. Read minutes of yesterday. On motion received same.
3. Extended an invitation to newly constituted churches or any church of our faith and order. None came.
4. Extended an invitation to correspondents of same faith and order. Elders H. F. Royal, Charlie Wooten, Brethren J. R. Miles, Joe Higgins, J. C. Gillispie, Floyd Halsey from the Union Association came forward and were seated.
5. Extended an invitation to Transients and Visitors, when

Brethren J. M. Spicer and M. M. Wood from the Primitive Association came forward and were seated.

6. On motion instruct the Clerk to supervise the printing of 1000 minutes and distribute them to the church according to their contribution. He to have $30.00 for his services.

7. Called on Committee on Temperance to report. They report: We advise our churches to strictly adhere to Bible teaching along the line of temperance. We should not put the bottle to our neighbor's mouth, nor treat him in a way to cause him to be intemperate in his church going or practicing church ordinances that the Bible teaches.

G. M. ROYAL
J. H. STAMPER
GRANT DILLARD, Committee.

Report received.

8. Called on Committee on Obituaries to report. They reported 14 were handed in with two pictures. Report received and obituaries order printed.

LONNIE PERRY
WATSON DURHAM
GLENN WOOD, Committee.

9. Called on Committee on Resolutions to report. They report: We the committee on Resolutions submit the following. We thank Almighty God who has power over all. Who sees and hears all, for giving us this wonderful privilege. May fellowship and co-operation exist always for the advancement of our churches, in spirit and love, and to avoid all criticism, and to show our sister churches love.

To thank the people of this community for their kindness and consideration during this association.

That we encourage our young members to take a more active part in the church work.

J. N. ROYAL
CARL WOOD
TED CHURCH, Committee.

Report received.

10. Called on Committee on Ministry to report. They report:

For Saturday 1:30
To open, C. C. Burcham.
1st. Elder Reece Bedsaul.
2nd. Elder Ivan Dameron.
For Saturday night:
To open, Bro. W. E. Hicks.
1st. Elder Ruzy Harrold.
2nd. Elder Charlie Wooten.
For Sunday, 10:00 A. M.
To open, Raymond Miles.
1st, Charlie Miles.
2nd. Elder H. F. Royal.
3rd. Elder A. C. Sidden.

Report received.

11. Call for Corresponding Letter and appointed correspondents.

North Carolina
Wilkes County

We the Primitive Baptist Association, now in session with Mining Ridge Baptist church.

to

The Union Baptist Association of Alleghany County, N. C.
Greetings:

Being now in session with Mining Ridge Baptist Church, Wilkes County, appreciating your past correspondence and being thankful for your Brethren that are with us at this session and feel that a continuation of Christian fellowship has been of much strength to this body, and we are hoping that the same will benefit you, that we may each grow stronger in faith, brotherly love and fellowship, have chosen of our brethren to bear this letter to you.

Elders, A. C. Sidden, Charlie Miles, Ivan Dameron, M. F. Barker.

Brethren, W. E. Hicks, Jr., G. M. Royal, F. A. Royal, J. N. Royal, B. F. Norman, Earnest Wood, Kenneth Wood, Leo Golden, M. C. Brown, G. F. Lyon, R. A. Cox.

We hope you will receive the brethren with this letter and that we may each be more closely united by their presence.

Love, peace and harmony seems to abound with us at this meeting.

Please pray that the Good Master's will may be done and whatever is accomplished will be to his honor and glory.

May peace and love ever abound with you.

BRO. W. E. HICKS JR., Committee.

Report received.

12. Called on Correspondents of last year to report: Elder Charlie Miles, Brethren W. E. Hicks, F. A. Royal, report having attended and were kindly received and enjoyed a lovely session.

On motion receive report and excuse those who failed to go.

13. Called on Committee on Finance to report. They report: We your committee on Finance report, received from the churches $152.10, for picture of Bro. Noah Watkins $5.00, total $157.10.

J. H. HOLBROOK
T. A. MILES
E. M. WILES, Committee.

Report received.

14. Called on Committee on Time, Place and Preacher to report. They report: Place, Round Hill Baptist Church. Time Friday, 11:00 A. M. before the first Sunday in October, 1957. To preach Introductory Sermon, Elder Charlie Miles. Alternate, Elder Ivan Dameron.

RAY BLEVINS
QUENTIN HAWKINS
R. M. WYATT, Committee.

Report received.

15. Called on Treasurer of last year to report. He reported:

Balance from 1954	$ .68	
Received from the churches	150.30	
For two pictures	10.00	
Total		$160.98
Paid for printng minutes	$130.00	
Clerks fees	20.00	
Total		$150.00
Balance in hands of Treasurer	$10.98	

CHARLIE MILES, Treasurer, 1955.

Report received.

16. Is there any other business?

The matter of Oak Level Church was taken up. At the request of the Committee appointed the report be referred until next association.

Report received.

17. On motion dispense with reading todays minutes.

18. On motion adjourn to time and place of our next session.

Closing prayer by Elder Ivan Dameron.

Benediction by Elder A. C. Sidden.

ELDER A. C. SIDDEN, Moderator.
ELDER CHARLIE MILES, Clerk.

SATURDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Service introduced by Elder C. C. Burcham, reading Mark 51:15.

Prayer by Elder Charlie Wooten.

1st Sermon: Elder Reece Bedsaul. Text: Matthew 1:20-21.

2nd Sermon: Elder Ivan Dameron. Text: Psalms 116:14.

Song and handshake amid a demonstration of the Holy Spirit, marked the peaceful closing of the eighty-eighth session of this association.

Benediction by Elder Ruzy Harrold.

SATURDAY, 7:00 P. M.

Song Service 15 minutes.

Service introduced by Bro. W. E. Hicks, reading St. Matthew 3:1-12.

Prayer by Elder Reece Bedsaul.

1st Sermon, Elder R. F. Harrold, Text: St. Luke 2:12. "And this shall be a sign unto you."

2nd Sermon, Elder Charlie Wooten, Text: Romans 8:6. "For to be carnally is death, but to be spirtually minded is life and peace."

Song and handshake.

Benediction by Elder Charlie Miles.

SUNDAY, 10:00 A. M.

Song Service 30 minutes.

Service introduced by Bro. J. R. Miles, reading St. John 1:1-15, and leading in prayer.

1st Sermon by Elder Charlie Miles, Text: Matthew 15:9. "In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men."

2nd Sermon by Elder H. F. Royal, Text: Titus, 3:5. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us.

3rd Sermon by Elder A. C. Sidden, Text: Job 31:14. "What then shall I do when God riseth up and when he visiteth what shall I answer him?"

Singing a number of old songs while taking the parting hand, while hearts were overflowing with love, and God's name was being praised, made the eighty-eighth session of this association a pleasant memory.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Antioch: Lonnie Perry.

Austin: Elder Ivan Dameron, Watson Durham, Edd McGrady, Granville Lyon, B. C. Speaks.

Bethany: E. M. Wiles, Glenn Wood, M. A. Blackburn, Noah Blackburn.

Double Creek: A. M. Holbrook, R. M. Wyatt, Ella Johnson.

Garden Creek: J. P. Brooks, M. C. Brown, Nora Gilliam, Emma Gentry.

Liberty Knob: J. N. Royal, George M. Royal, Earnest Wood, F. A. Royal, Kenneth Wood.

Mining Ridge: B. F. Norman, Leo Golden, Cable Cox, R. A. Cox, G. F. Lyon.

Mountain Valley: J. H. Stamper, C. A. Stamper, Chester Sidden.

New Covenant: T. A. Miles, M. C. Dillard, Reid Miles, Albert Miles.

Oak Level: Robert Barker, Alton Carter, Martin Gentry, Marcus Barker, Olin Barker.

Rachel: Curtis Johnson, J. R. Dimmette, Carl Wood, Abner Caudill.

Roaring River: Mack Brown, Bill Hicks, Herman Holbrook, Elder A. C. Sidden, J. C. Bowers.

Round Hill: Bland Lowe, Claude Billings, Mack Holbrook, Manley Pruitt.

Round Mountain: Ray Blevins, Elder C. C. Burcham, A. C. Brown, J. S. Roope, Franklin Owens.

Union: Elder Charlie Miles, Quentin Hawkins, Ted Church, Carrie Hawkins, Ruby Cox.

Zion: Grant Dillard, Barnie Teague.

OBITUARIES

BERTHA CLEMENTINE WOOD

Bertha Clementine Wood, wife of Charlie Wood, of Roaring River, N. C., died April 12, 1956. Age 77 years, nine days.

She was born in Iowa, April 3, 1879, a daughter of W. H. and Emma Jane Pinkenton Cothren.

Surviving are her husband, two daughters, Mrs. A. M. Burcham, Roaring River, Rt. 1; Mrs. Elmore Blevins, Rt. 1, Hays; five sons, Everette, James W., Marshall, and Walter of Roaring River and Albert of the home. 39 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, two brothers, G. W. Cothren, Roaring River, and Thomas Cothren, Ronda; four sisters, Mrs. Clara Dimmette, Ronda; Mrs. Lydia Dimmette, Henderson, Maryland; Mrs. Maudie Crabb, Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. Minnie Wood, Youngsville, Maryland; Mrs. Lessie Billings, Roaring River. Three half sisters, Mrs. Pansy Waddell, Mrs. Gladys Harris, Miss Ollie Cothren, two half brothers, Jonah and David.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 15, 1956 at Rachel Baptist Church with the Rev. L. E. Sparks, the Rev. Charlie Miles and the Rev. John Burcham officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The golden gates were open, a gentle voice said come,
And with a farewell unspoken, she calmly entered home.

KENNETH RAY SIDDEN

Kenneth Ray Sidden was born September 11, 1955 and departed this life December 24, 1955, making his stay here three months and 13 days. Kenneth Ray was born in Wilkes County, N. C., the son of Chester and Mary Stamper Sidden. He is survived by his mother and father, five brothers, Billie, Bobby, Jerry, Daniel and Tommie Sidden of the home; two sisters, Cathy and Carolyn, of the home. Maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stamper, Wilbar, Rt. 1; also several uncles and aunts.

Our darling Kenneth has gone to rest,
God needed another jewel for his throne in Heaven,
And he called our darling baby to fill the place,

But we hope to meet him up in the skies.
Where his smile is much brighter and sweeter,
Than when he left us to join the angels up there.
Gone but not forgotten.

Written by his family.

SALLIE HOLBROOK PRUITT

Sallie Holbrook Pruitt, daughter of the late Pat and Wadie Pruitt Holbrook, born October 13, 1871, died July 6, 1956, age 84 years, eight months and 23 days. May 10, 1896 she was married to Joshua Pruitt. To this union was born nine children, six living and three dead. The living are: Tyra Pruitt, Hendersonville, Maryland; Will Pruitt, Elkton, Maryland; four daughters, Mrs. Wadie Combs, Mrs. Maude Bauguess, Traphill, N. C.; Mrs. Mary Eckert, Tampa, Florida; Mrs. Alice Blevins, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Surviving are six loving children, 17 grandchildren, nine great

grandchildren, two brothers, Will Holbrook Wiser, Idaho; Joe Holbrook, State Road, N. C.; one sister, Mrs. Janie Billings, Traphill, N. C.

She professed a hope in Christ several years ago and joined the church at Round Hill, where she remained a member.

Funeral services were held July 8, 1956 at Round Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. L. E. Sparks and the Rev. Charlie Miles officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

MARTHA HOLLOWAY

Martha Holloway was born October 19, 1887 and passed away February 18, 1955, making her stay on earth 67 years, three months and 29 days. She was the daughter of Edgewood and Ellen Norman Holloway. She became a member of Garden Creek Baptist Church in early life.

She is survived by two brothers, Hort Holloway of Benham and Walter Holloway of Elkin. Also two sisters, Mrs. Frances Brown of Graham and Mrs. Mary Ann Crouse of Traphill.

In a quiet way, her earthly stay,
Meets now a peaceful end,
Now a glorious life, with no pain or strife,
For Jesus was her friend.

And in her heart, did love impart,
To make this life worthwhile,
Her pain to relieve, when she did believe,
So she thus won his smile.

ANDREW JACKSON COTHREN

Andrew Jackson Cothren, son of William and Emily Cothren, was born April 4, 1888. He departed this life March 23, 1956, making his stay on earth 67 years, 11 months and 19 days.

He was united in marriage to Clementine Wood March 26, 1905, and to this union were born nine children: Mrs. Maggie Sebastian of Roaring River; Mrs. Isabelle Sykes of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Bertie Stewart of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Dorothy Michaud of Clarksville, Mich.; Lonnie Cothren of Roaring River; John Cothren of Lewisburg; Howard Cothren of Thomasville; Jarva Cothren of Roaring River; and Jack Cothren of Winston-Salem.

Mr. Cothren professed a hope in Christ at an early age and united with Rachel Baptist Church where he has remained a faithful member for the past forty years.

In addition to his wife and children he is survived by: two brothers, George Cothren of Roaring River; Thomas Cothren of Ronda. Two half brothers, David Cothren of Roaring River; Jonah Cothren of Morganton. Six sisters: Mrs. Bertha Wood of Roaring River; Mrs. Minnie Wood of Youngsville, N. C.; Mrs. Clara Dimmette of Ronda; Mrs. Lessie Billings of Roaring River; Mrs. Maudie Crabb of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Lydia Dimmette of Henderson, N. C.. Three half-sisters: Mrs. Pansy Waddell of Roaring River; Mrs. Gladys Harris of Roaring River; Miss Ollie Cothren of Roaring River; also 35 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

He leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn his passing.

CYNTHIA CRABB BILLINGS

Cynthia Crabb Billings was born February 10, 1882. She died Sept. 21, 1956, at age 74 years, seven months and 11 days.

She was the daughter of the late James and Lodema Crabb.

She was married to Avery Billings December 24, 1898. And to this union was born 11 children.

Surviving are Gordon Billings, Hays; Mrs. Glenn Sheets, Roaring River; Spencer Billings, Tyra Billings, Burlie Billings, all of Roaring River; Granville Billings, Ferguson; and Mrs. Gaither Wagoner of Maryland.

Two brothers, Tyra Crabb of Maryland and Rufus Crabb of North Wilkesboro; 34 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Rachel Baptist Church in August 1902, where she remained a faithful member until death.

Weep not for me dear children,
Let not this grieve your heart,
But meet me up in heaven,
Where we will never part.

WILLIAM DAVID BARKER

A funeral service for the Rev. William David Barker, 70, of State Road, a Baptist minister for 47 years, was held at 11 a. m. at Charity Baptist Church, Sept. 8, 1955.

Mr. Barker died in a Sumter, S. C., hospital. He became ill there while visiting a son, Major V. Barker of Glenn Allen, Va., who is in service and stationed at Sumter.

Born April 12, 1885, he was a son of John and Sarah Lasater Barker. He was ordained a minister 47 years ago and preached at a number of churches in Wilkes and Surry Counties.

Surviving are four sons, Major V. Barker of Glenn Allen, Va., Sam Barker of Statesville, Route 8, James Barker of Sparta and Clyde W. Barker of State Road; two daughters, Mrs. Mae Royall and Mrs. Minnie Brown of State Road; 22 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; three brothers, Joe and Tom Barker of Roaring River and Charles Barker of Ronda.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. L. E. Sparks and the Rev. Frank Barker. Interment was in the church cemetery.

JAMES FLOYD HOLLOWAY

James Floyd (Joe) Holloway, son of the late Daniel and Martha Prevette Holloway, born August 7, 1867, died August 6, 1956, age 88 years, 11 months and 29 days.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Silvira Holloway, one son, Ray Holloway of Traphill; four daughters, Mrs. Janie Armes, Traphill; Mrs. Lillie Holloway, Elkin; Mrs. Pearl Martin, Bluefield, W. Va.; Mrs. Lula Nicholson, Matoka, W. Va.; 22 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren; two brothers, A. J. Holloway, Sparta; Hort Holloway, Traphill; one sister, Mrs. Mary Ann Mahaffey, Jonesville.

He professed a hope in Christ about five years ago and had told relatives and friends "I am ready to go any time."

Funeral services were conducted at Old Roaring River Church by Elders A. C. Sidden and Charlie Miles. Burial was in the church cemetery.

MARGARET BRYANT PRUITT

Mrs. Margaret Bryant Pruitt was born October 4, 1872, died June 7, 1956, making her stay on earth 83 years, eight months and three days. She was married to H. M. Pruitt who preceeded her in death. To this Union were born 11 children: Commie of Moravian Falls; Connie of Ronda; Mitchell of Roaring River; Kelly of Wilkesboro; Dock of Traphill; Paul of Traphill; Curley of Clinton, N. C.; Starlin of Wyoming; Mrs. Carrie Ray of New Orleans, La.

She was preceeded in death by two sons, John and Hinkle. Also surviving are 38 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren, two brothers, Charlie Bryant of Roaring River, and Rev. J. S. Bryant of North Wilkesboro, Route 2; three sisters, Mrs. Betty Burchette of Greensboro, Mrs. Callie Waddell of Elkin, and Mrs. Emma Waddell of Roaring River. She joined the Round Hill Baptist Church many years ago and lived a faithful Christian life until death. She was a kind and loving mother and was loved by all who knew her. She will be missed by her family and her many friends.

RICHARD CALVIN SIDDEN

Richard Calvin (locally known as Callie) Sidden, son of the late Frederick and Huldah Sparks Sidden, was born July 6, 1874. He died November 5, 1955, at age 81 years, three months and 29 days.

He joined the Roaring River Baptist Church July 29, 1950, and remained a member until his death.

He married Dausie Holbrook in June, 1896, and to this union was born six children; one deceased, and five living. Those living are: Dewey Sidden, Mrs. Beatrice S. Holbrook, Mrs. Etta S. Brown, Mrs. Gladys S. Warren, all of Traphill; Mrs. Alice S. Kennedy of Rising Sun, Maryland.

Also surviving are 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren: one brother, Charlie Sidden, Traphill; two sisters, Mrs. Jane Nickolson and Mrs. Alice Nickolson.

Our love extends, so with our friends,
We meet with them to mourn,
While with silent tread, our beloved dead
To a quiet rest are bourn.

His pale drawn face, in its accustomed place,
We can not see again,
But is gives us cheer, while lingering here,
To think he has no pain.

No more need, from all want freed,
He earned the sweetest rest.
Then while ages roll, his blood bought soul,
Will live in realms of blest.

M. F. ROYAL

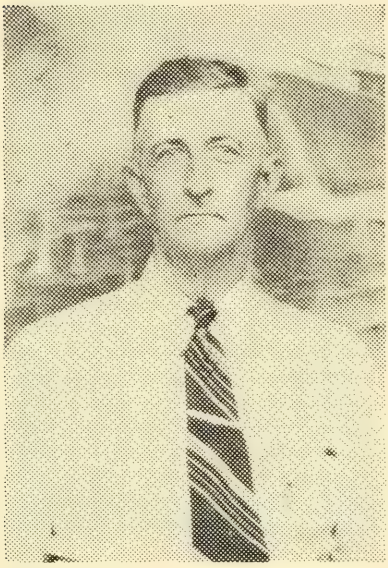
M. F. Royal was born April 18, 1872. He died March 1, 1937, at age 64 years, 10 months and 11 days.

He married Annice Brooks in 1893, and to this union was born seven children. One is dead.

He joined Liberty Knob Baptist Church by experience and baptism January 3, 1894 and remained a faithful member until his death.

NOAH WATKINS

Noah Watkins was born June 27, 1879, and departed this life on January 15, 1956, making his stay on earth 75 years, seven months and 16 days.



He was converted several years ago and joined the Round Mountain Church on August 12, 1954, and was baptised August 16, 1954. He attended his church regular as long as he was able.

Mr. Watkins was first married to Mary Shumate and to this union was born seven children. He was preceded in death by his wife and three children; Ellen, Taft and Myrtle.

He was married the second time to Della Dancy and to this union was born one daughter. He was also preceded in death by his second wife.

He married the third time to Susie Brown and to this union was born two children. He was also preceded in death by his third wife, and one son, Vance.

He maried the fourth time to Elizabeth Bare.

He is survived by the following: three sons, Ambrose Watkins, McGrady; Hobert Watkins, Route 1, North Wilkesboro; Iredell Watkins, Roue 2, North Wilkesboro; three daughters, Mrs. Cordie Perry, Route 1, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Sarah Wagoner, Wilbar; Mrs. Belva Coffey, Hays; one sister, Mrs. John Shumate; 20 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He has left a world of suffering
He has left a world of sin and woe,
Gone up there to live with Jesus,
Where sad partings come no more.

FINLEY ROBERTS

Finley Roberts, 74, native of Wilkes County, died February 7, 1956. For some time, he had been making his home with Brother L. W. Wood, Route 2, North Wilkesboro.

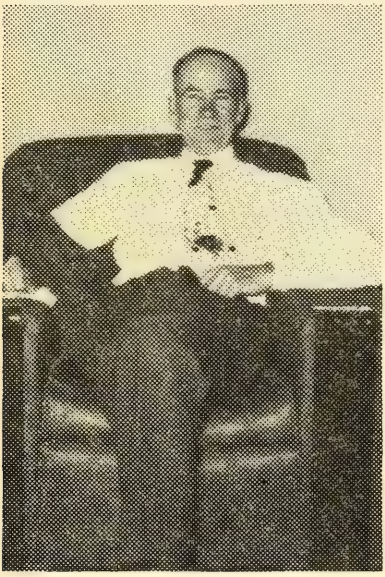
Mr. Roberts was married to Miss Clementine Wood of Wilkes County. To this union was born three children; two preceded him in death. He is survived by one son, Mr. Rayvon Roberts, Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Funeral services was held in the home, with Rev. James Durham, Rev. Thurmond Ratliff and Rev. Olen Bryant officiating. The burial was in the Bethany Baptist church cemetery. He was a life-long member of this church.

Remember friends as you pass by,
As you are now so once was I,
As I am now soon you will be,
Prepare for death and follow me.

ELDER GUY RECTOR COX

Elder Guy Rector Cox, son of the late John Cox and Emma Simmons Cox was born February 4, 1899. He passed quietly away from this life November 6, 1955, at age 56 years, nine months and two days.



He professed a hope in Christ and united with the Austin Baptist Church in 1928, where he served as superintendent of the Sunday School; was ordained deacon, and later ordained to the ministry in 1936. He moved his membership to the Mining Ridge Baptist Church in 1954. He also served as Moderator of the Primitive Association in 1950-51.

He has served as pastor of a number of churches and was quite often called to take part in services at various other churches.

He married Miss Annie Bateman March 9, 1920, who with his aged mother and eight children survive him. One child is deceased. His children are: Warren G. Cox, Mrs. Blanche Brown, R. A. Cox, Laverne Royall, Joyce Billings, Cabell Cox, Sylvia Cox, Timothy Cox. Also surviving are eight grandchildren; two brothers, Walter Cox, Traphill; Claude Cox, Thurmond; two sisters, Mrs. Toy Norris, Winston-Salem, Mrs. Edith Harris, Elkin.

He was bold, fearless and uncompromising in his convictions, and sincere in his admonitions to Christians, urgent and loving in his appeal to the unsaved.

Dear Brother Guy, we know not why,
God called you now away,
But you did desire, to go up higher,
We oft have heard you say.

So to the end, God was your friend,
And let you warn the lost,
From wrath to flee, and faithful be,
For Jesus paid the cost.

He guided your way, on your last day,
To preach his holy word,
That your last call, to one and all,
Might lovingly be heard.

You did your best, to earn God's rest,
While sounding the warning call,
And through these years, shed many tears,
In warning great and small.

Now never more, on times dull shore,
We'll shake your loving hand,
Your voice is stilled, your place unfilled,
As we in grief now stand.

But we are sure, that with the pure,
Your soul is now at rest,
A crown you've won, and with God's Son,
You'll dwell with all the blest.

And now farewell, we do you tell,
To meet around Gods throne,
To ever praise, in endless days,
With saints we here have known.

JOHN ELI HUTCHINSON

John Eli Hutchinson, son of the late John and Sidney Brown Hutchinson, was born June 12, 1877. He died on October 31, 1955, at age 78 years, four months and 19 days.

Early in life he professed a hope in Christ and joined the Stone Mountain Church.

He married Carrie Vannoy, October 28, 1897, and to this union was born eight children; seven living and one dead.

Those living are: Sylvester, Jim and Joe Hutchinson, all of Traphill; Mrs. Mary McGrady, Mrs. Lizzie Sidden and Mrs. Nancy McGrady, all of Traphill; Mrs. Martha Reaves, Harmony.

He was the last of his father's family. His companion preceded him in death one year ago last August, his son Sherman, 24 years ago.

He leaves seven loving children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss, while it is our loss, we hope Heaven is his gain.

Dear father you are gone from us,
Never here any more in our home you will be
But never will your memory fade,
Around the grave where you are laid.
Gone but not forgotten.

WILLIAM JENNINGS WOOD

William Jennings Wood, son of the late Robert H. and Mary Ann Richardson Wood, was born September 9, 1898, died June 13, 1956, age 57 years, nine months and four days.

He was married to Miss Alia Royal in 1917. To this union were born 11 children, all living: Ernest C. Wood, Winston-Salem; Amalie Pruitt, Roaring Gap; Ray Wood, Baltimore, Md.; Elmer Wood, Roaring Gap; Boyd Wood, Mountain Park; Homer Wood, Lake City, Florida; Staley Wood, Glade Valley; Kenneth Wood, Winston-Salem; Bettie Ruth Wood, Bruce Wood, and Bryce Wood, of the home.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Elk Spur, later moved by letter to Liberty Knob Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member.

Besides his wife and children he is survived by 20 grandchildren; three brothers, Jack Wood, Traphill; John Wood, Lexington; Walter Wood, Traphill; and unnumbered friends and acquaintances, who join with the family to mourn his passing, but confidently hope our loss is his eternal gain.

He was preceeded in death by five brothers, two sisters, father and mother.

Tis not our choice, that he is away,
But the Saviour's voice, we must obey.

MARTHA JANE PRUITT

Martha Jane Pruitt Burchette, born November 29, 1875. Died September 21, 1956, making her stay on earth 80 years, nine months, 21 days.

She joined the Roaring River Baptist Church in May, 1915, and remained a faithful member until her death.

She was married to Columbus Burchette about 56 years ago, and unto this union was born three children; Matilda Jane, who died about four years ago, Walter Burchette, Cycle, N. C.; Ira Burchette, Winston-Salem, N. C.

She is survived by one brother, Jim Pruitt, Bassett, Virginia; 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchilden.

She had made her home with a grandson, Paul Burchette of Winston-Salem, for the past few years.

A mother gone out, to praise and shout,
And with us no more to be,
But in her new home, around God's throne,
Her face we again may see.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Primitive Baptist Association, and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent in the Association; who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to the seats. Each church shall be entitled to five delegates. In their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application and good recommendation, dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

2. The number thus chosen and convened have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have an ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in her union.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular decorum.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the votes of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

5. New church of any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our Faith and Order in good standing, either dismissed by letter from Sister Association, or by application and good recommendation, by sending up letter and delegates shall be admitted into the union.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

9. We think it necessary to have an association fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer who will be accountable to the Association for the same, and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

12. Amendment to this form of Government may be made at any time, by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it expedient, by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

13. The Association shall act as advisory council and shall preserve a chain of communion among the churches and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14. The Association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the Association.

15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

16. The Association may correspond with Sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing who may be of our faith and order to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

17. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they may choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

4. He shall strictly adhere to his subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who speaks before, by making remarks on his slips,

failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as clearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association, without liberty obtained from the body, for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association requires.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are One.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and are born again by the spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of the Gospel, except such as the regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Sat. of Ch. Meeting	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Received by Application	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution	Time of Communion
Antioch	J. C. Harrold, Franklin Royal	Lonnie Perry, Wilkesboro			1					1	9		25	5.00	Sept.
Austin	H. F. Royal	B. C. Speaks, Traphill	1		1	3				4		1	66	10.00	July
Bethany	Ivan Dameron	Glenn Wood, R2, N. Wilkesboro		1	4	1						1	101	10.00	July
Double Creek	Arthur Gambill	A. M. Holbrook, R1, Traphill			2	1	1						47	5.25	Aug.
Garden Creek	Charlie Miles	J. P. Brooks, R1, Traphill			1							1	11	4.00	Aug.
Liberty Knob	Charlie Miles	J. N. Royall, Roaring Gap			3	1						1	40	14.00	Aug.
Mining Ridge	Ruzy Harrold	Corbett Wall, Elkin			2	1	1			2		1	34	6.25	Aug.
Mountain Valley	Arthur Gambill, Uriah Hanks	J. H. Stamper, McGrady	1		1	9	7					1	100	7.00	Aug.
New Covenant	M. C. Dillard, J. S. Bryant	T. A. Miles, Hays	1		3								109	9.00	Aug.
Oak Level	Olin Bryant	Robert Barker, Roaring River	2	1	3	7	2			2			122	9.00	Aug.
Rachel	L. E. Sparks, Charlie Miles	Curtis Johnson, Roaring River			1	6	2			5		3	189	9.00	Aug.
Roaring River	A. C. Sidden, McKinley Hanks Bill Hicks	Etta Brown, Traphill	2	2	4	5			1	1		2	136	17.50	July
Round Hill	L. E. Sparks	Bland Lowe, State Road	1		2	2				1		2	90	8.00	Aug.
Round Mountain	A. C. Sidden	R. T. Blevins, Hays	2		1					1		1	71	12.00	Aug.
Union	Charlie Miles	Mrs. John R. Royall, Thurmond	1		2	2	2			1			89	10.10	July
Zion	D. C. Miller, R. F. Harrold	G. E. Dillard, Hays	3		4	2			1				78	10.00	Aug.
TOTALS			14	4		40	15		2	18	9	14	1308	156.10	

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT	SECRETARY	Number Teachers	Enrolled	Average Attendance	Months Kept Open
Austin	B. C. Speaks	Bertha Hanks	4	67	42	12
Bethany	Willie Roope	Hessie Wood	3	65	47	12
Double Creek	Claude Sidden	Benny Alexander	3	44	17	12
Mining Ridge	G. F. Lyon	Lexie Lyon	3	49	35	12
New Covenant	Fred Dillard	Margie Absher	4	68	35	12
Oak Level	Alton Carter	Pauline Barker	6	128	82	12
Rachel	Curtis Johnson	Mrs. Garnace Blackburn	5	174	73	12
Round Hill	Mack Holbrook	Peggy Holbrook	3	50	38	12
Round Mountain	J. E. Caudill	Marie Brown	3	55	45	12
Union	Tom Eidson	H. W. Cox	5	90	63	12
Zion	Jarvis Harrold	Mabel Dillard	3	61	31	12
TOTALS			42	851	508	12

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